

GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

CENSUS 2005

It's a Good Year to be Counted!

**Filling out only 9 questions in 6 minutes will mean
\$3.5 million more in revenue annually for Goodyear!**

When will the survey be conducted?

The mid-decade Census Survey will be mailed to Maricopa County residents on August 30, 2005. Those receiving the survey will be asked about the number of people living there on September 1, 2005. On September 30, a second mailing will be sent to residents who did not respond to the first survey mailing. In October, those who don't respond by mail will be called and asked to provide responses over the telephone. If there is still no response, a personal visit to those households will be conducted.

Who will get the survey in Goodyear?

One out of every 13 households in Goodyear will get a survey. Addresses are chosen on a random basis. If you receive a questionnaire, your answers will not only represent your household but 12 other similar households in Goodyear that did not receive a questionnaire. ***It's short - only 9 questions that take only 6 minutes to fill out. But it brings so many benefits!***

Why is it important to fill out the survey?

When the state of Arizona collects money through taxes and other sources, it returns nearly \$1 billion per year to cities and towns. The amount of money each city, town, or unincorporated area receives is based on its population. ***The more accurate the count, the more money Goodyear will receive.***

Why is the 2005 Census Survey important to you?

If you receive a survey and fill it out, you are ensuring that Goodyear will receive its fair share of the state and federal allocated funds distributed on the basis of our City's population. These shared revenues help pay for services such as police and fire protection, parks, libraries, recreation facilities, senior centers, road improvements, hospitals and schools.

An additional \$3.5 million per year could operate two new fire stations per year or pay for the City's annual allocation of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. For every person who receives a questionnaire and doesn't fill it out, Goodyear will lose \$206 in annual revenues for the next five years until the 2010 census. For more information, visit www.census2005.com.

Stand Up and Be Counted!!!!



Hike with the Mayor

Sat., Nov. 5

Easy/Moderate 2 - 2.5 mile hike,
in the White Tank Mountains.
Transportation provided from City
Hall. (\$5 to cover expenses). To
register call 623-882-7534.

2nd Annual Goodyear Golf Classic Benefits Charities

The 2nd Annual City of Goodyear Classic is Saturday, September 17th at Tuscany Falls Country Club at PebbleCreek. The tournament benefits the Kare Bears and the New Life Center. Thanks go to the title sponsors of Malcolm Pirnie, APS and Snell & Wilmer for making the tournament possible.



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Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Mayor – Sept. 13th Decides Fire Safety Standards

On September 13, 2005, the citizens of Goodyear will go to the voting booth and decide whether the City will mandate the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems in every **new** home to be constructed. As Goodyear is only 10 to 15 percent built out, this vote will affect the remaining 85-90% of all homes that will ever be built in the City, at least in this 21st century. That's a lot of homes—and lives—that will be affected.

No one questions that fire sprinklers save lives. Fire protection statistics prove they do. The City of Scottsdale has reported the lives of at least 13 people have been saved since passing its mandatory ordinance in 1985.

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A simple fact about fire sprinklers is that they prevent a phenomenon called "flashover." Flashover is a frightening condition in which all exposed surfaces in a room ignite almost simultaneously and flames spread quickly from the point of origin to other parts of the building.

There is so much smoke, heat and carbon monoxide created that the room of origin is no longer able to sustain life. Because it is a fact that residential sprinklers respond in 68 seconds or less to a small growing fire with a maximum ceiling temperature of 250 degrees, one sprinkler head will usually control or extinguish the fire—eliminating flashover conditions. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), stopping flashovers from occurring is what sprinkler systems are intended to do; and they do.

It's simply a matter of facts - sprinklers save lives.

Last January, the Goodyear City Council passed the ordinance that would require residential sprinklers in all **future** homes to be built in the City. The Homebuilders Association of Arizona objected to the ordinance and, soon thereafter, obtained the requisite number of signatures to require a vote by the people. This resulted in the September 13th election. In a presentation to the City Council, the Homebuilders' representative objected primarily to the ordinance because it is mandatory and because it increases the cost of the new home.

When the City Council unanimously voted to amend our sprinkler ordinance to include **all** new homes, we decided to make sprinklers mandatory in new home construction, not voluntary. It's simply a matter of

facts - sprinklers save lives. Like many safety-related products, e.g., seat belts, child car seats, air bags, smoke detectors, fire resistant doors, it all comes down to life itself and the value we place on such. Is less than a dollar a square foot affordable? It is a fact that sprinklers add approximately 60 to 80 cents per square foot to the construction cost of a house. For a 2000-square-foot home, that equates to less than \$1700 or less than 1% of the \$259,000 median price of a house in Goodyear today.

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According to the NFPA, home fire sprinklers protect those most vulnerable in home fires; youngsters and the elderly. Our firefighters, who are prepared to sacrifice their lives and expose their loving families to potential despair in order to protect you and me, brought the idea of residential home sprinklers for **all** new homes to the Council because they believe it will better protect our citizens. We agree; hence, the ordinance.

September 13th is the day you can decide whether or not you agree.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Cavanaugh".

Goodyear City Council



Council Calendar

City Council Meetings and Worksessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd. unless otherwise indicated.

Mon., 9/6 - No meeting

Mon., 9/12 - Regular Meeting - 6 pm

Mon., 9/13 - ELECTION DAY

Mon., 9/19 - Worksession - 5 pm

Mon., 9/26 - Regular Meeting - 6 pm

Mon., 10/3 - Worksession - 5 pm

Tues., 10/11* - Regular Meeting - 6 pm

*Tuesday due to Columbus Day Holiday

Sept. 13th Election Polling Places Set

The following polling places will be open from 6 am to 7 pm.

<u>Precincts</u>	<u>Location</u>
*Cotton Lane	Desert Edge HS
*Wildflower	15778 W. Yuma Rd.
*Perryville	
*Desert Edge	
*Bolo	Goodyear Comm. Cntr
*Goodyear	420 E. Loma Linda
*Estrella Mt Ranch	Fire Station #2 10701 S. Estrella Pkwy
*Palm Valley	Palm Valley Comm.Cntr
*Desert Vista	14145 Palm Valley Blvd.
*Eagles Nest	Arts/Crafts Bldg
*Tuscany Falls	3657 N. Clubhouse Dr.
*Palmbrook	

Relay For Life - Sept. 10

Many teams of Goodyear residents will set up camp in Goodyear Community Park on N. Litchfield Rd. on Sat., Sept. 10. Teams of dedicated individuals will participate non-stop in a 24-hour relay to celebrate cancer survivors and to honor those who are currently fighting the disease or who lost the battle.

Events are open to the public.

- ◆ Opening ceremonies - 6 pm Saturday
- ◆ Luminaria Ceremony - 9 pm
- ◆ Fireworks - 10 pm
- ◆ All night events - music, bands, children's games, etc.
- ◆ Sunrise Service - 6 am Sunday
- ◆ Breakfast - 7 am
- ◆ Closing Ceremony - 9 am

Neighbors Can Get Acquainted at Parties Scheduled on Oct. 15 for G.A.I.N. Day

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods) events provide a great chance to build relationships between neighbors, police and community leaders.

On Sat., Oct. 15, seven different HOAs or neighborhoods will have parties to promote "community and friendship." One of the goals of G.A.I.N. is to have neighbors get to know one another so they will be more likely to watch out for one another. This would result in safer and friendlier Goodyear neighborhoods.

Jenifer de la Garza, Goodyear resident, is the volunteer coordinator for this year's event along with Liliana Schuett, Goodyear Neighborhood Services Manager. De la Garza is working with the seven neighborhoods signed up for the event to give them tips on how to run an event, how to get their neighbors involved and how to gain sponsors. Neighborhoods that are already signed up to have parties are:

- ◆ North Subdivisions
- ◆ Canada Village
- ◆ Historic Goodyear
- ◆ Estrella Mountain Ranch
- ◆ Estrella Vista
- ◆ Canyon Trails
- ◆ Wildflower Ranch

Current plans call for the Mayor and Council, Goodyear Management Team and event sponsors to attend each event on a London Bus along with a Goodyear fire engine company and Police motorcycle patrol officers. If you would like more information about Goodyear's G.A.I.N. event, call de la Garza at 623 - 925-2835.



Jenifer de la Garza (l), citizen volunteer, and Officer Lisa Sontag, Neighborhood Response Unit, meeting with G.A.I.N. neighborhood volunteers to plan the events.



Neighborhood volunteers



Last year's parties



Goodyear's 2005 Special Events Calendar

Goodyear's Night at the Movies – Free Event

- ✓ September 9 -- 7:00 pm **Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory**
- ✓ October 21 -- 6:30 pm **E.T. the Extraterrestrial**
- ✓ November 18 -- 6:30 pm **Casablanca**
- ✓ December 9 -- 6:30 pm **The Polar Express**



Outdoor movies at Goodyear Community Park. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Bring food or purchase from our on-site food vendor.

Fall Concert Series – Free Event

- ✓ September 23 -- **Novella Bentley** -- Catch this up and coming country star!
- ✓ September 30 -- **Quantum** -- This band brings new and old R&B to life.
- ✓ October 7 -- **Banned** -- Great rock music ranging from Buddy Holly to the Foo Fighters.
- ✓ October 14 -- **One Class Act** -- Listen to one of the best blues bands in the Valley.



All concerts start at 6:30 pm and are held at Goodyear's Community Park. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. You can bring food or purchase from our on-site food vendor.

"Tricks & Treats Day at the Dog Park" – October 1 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Goodyear's Dog Park. Dog tricks contest with prizes and Dog/Owner Look-A-Like contest with prizes. Treats for both dogs and humans. **Free**



Goodyear's "Howling Halloween Bash" – **FREE.** October 29 from 5 to 8:30 pm at Goodyear's Community Park. Pumpkin decorating, costume contest, carnival games, rides and bouncers, food vendors and arts & crafts.

Goodyear's "Holly Jolly Festival" – December 3 from 5 to 8:30 pm at Goodyear's Community Park. 30 tons of snow, visitor from the North Pole, cookie decorating, rides and bouncers, arts & crafts and food vendors. **Free Event.**



Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, **623-932-1716**, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resource Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd.. Phone 623- 882-7752. TTY (623) 932-6500. **EEO/M/F/V/H/D.**

Learn How Local Government Works in 8-Week Citizen Academy

Are you interested in learning more about how local government works? Have you ever thought about serving on a citizen committee or volunteering time to participate in the decision-making processes of your City?

The City of Goodyear encourages residents to participate in the upcoming Southwest Valley Citizen Academy, which offers eight weeks of insightful sessions that cover everything from land use, annexation and density issues to open meeting laws and how to become involved in the public process. Jointly organized by the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Buckeye, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, and Estrella Mountain Community College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services, the Citizen Academy offers participants a chance to learn about the workings of their own city government and neighboring communities as well.

Sessions will be held on seven consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning Sept. 8 at Estrella Mountain Community College. The eighth and final session will be held on Nov. 3. Cost is \$10 per session or \$50 for the entire course. For more information, contact Kirsten Hall at (623) 935-8492. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!!**



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